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Hello,

I am just writing to add my voice to this injustice that is being done to Microsoft. I always thought that America stood for being a "free" country, where one could rise to the top if smart enough and good enough. Why then is this suddenly being punished. Microsoft employees very intelligent people to develop computer programs, etc. If the people that they employ are the smartest in the field and the products that they develop are way ahead of other companies, is that not part of what it is to be American. It is not their fault that people prefer their products over Apple, etc. I know that I personally used a Mac computer before I ever touched anything with Microsoft in it. I was amazed at the difference. I actually liked to use the computer with the Microsoft products in it. Speaking of monopolies, how is it that Microsoft's offer to provide much needed computers in school was argued against by Mac - who by the way has the monopoly on computers in schools. How is this fair and just to Microsoft. This is ridiculous. I guess what makes me even madder is the fact that Clinton spent more money chasing down Microsoft for some made up propoganda than he did to chase down an known terrorist and murder - yes, we know who that is... Bin Laden. Has it occurred to anyone that if they had not been persecuting Microsoft, there might not have been a Sept. 11??

Also, it is my believe that competition in business is good. It is what drives companies to do better for customers, to develop better products, better service, etc. If you take away this right, you will find people not satisfied with what is left and they will stop buying. How will this help our economy. The bottom like is not that Microsoft had a monopoly, but that they had a better product. This whole thing needs to end now.

Sincerely,

Laura Troth

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